



March 8, 2015

Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

Math

This past week the students worked on solving multi-step math problems. Students have to do more than one type of math operation to get the answer. Next week we will continue multi-step problems and multiplication.

Writing

This past week the students finished their research about a mineral. Most students have written a first draft of a paragraph describing the mineral. Next week the students will finish the writing assignment. Look for Most Wanted Mineral posters during conferences.

High Frequency Words

Most students have words written in their assignment notebooks. These words are the high frequency words your child missed on a pre-assessment. The students will be quizzed on these words on Monday. Then they will get new words to study in their assignment notebooks.

Computers

In the next few weeks the computer lab and the Chrome books will be used for PARCC testing. All students 4th grade through 8th grade will need a computer for taking the PARCC tests.

Reading

This past week the students listened to Mr. Lincoln's Way by Patricia Polacco for a second time. The students created a foldable about how the character Eugene changed in the book. Next week we will continue to use Patricia Polacco books for reading lessons.

This past week all students read about minerals in our science book about rocks, soil, and minerals. Very soon students will begin reading a fiction book set during the 1800's.

Social Studies and Science

This past week the students learned about pioneer chores, clothing, and food. We also role played coming to a pioneer school. The students recited a poem in front of the class.

The students were excited to examine minerals during science. They had 8 minerals that they looked at the following properties: hardness, luster, streak, color, and magnetism. Next week we will learn about fossils.

5Essentials- Note from the office

We ask that parents, teachers, and 6th-8th grade students again participate in the 5Essentials survey. As a parent of a child at PCCS, you have a unique opportunity to take part in this survey, which will allow you to share your opinions and perspective about PCCS. We guarantee that survey responses will NEVER be connected to you or your child. School reports will only present summary information of how parents responded as a whole. Your participation in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will help to understand your child's school and guide improvement. Click [HERE](#) to begin the survey.

Student Led Conferences

Student led conferences are March 11. You can sign up for student led conferences at <https://lhahnroom20.youcanbook.me/>

If you want an individual conference, this is in addition to student led conferences. Please contact me if you want an individual conference for Thursday, March 12 between 2:00 and 4:00.

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK!

Because of the popularity of the Butter Braids sale the 8th graders held a few months ago, PCCS is holding a second sale. The process is easy: Click [HERE](#) and download a form. Don't know what Butter Braids are? Butter Braids are a large pastry that are filled with fruit, chocolate, cinnamon or cream cheese. They come frozen and require minimal prep to bake and eat! There are many flavors to choose from and they make a wonderful addition to a weekend breakfast or brunch. Butter Braids are not found in stores, so this is your chance to stock up! Completed orders include your form with your name and order clearly marked, along with your check, made out to PCCS. Orders are due by Thursday, March 19. The Butter Braids will be delivered on Monday, March 30th in the afternoon. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward the 8th Grade Virginia Trip; the more you buy, the more we will be able to help offset some of the costs for the students. Please email Mr. Habel with any questions. Thanks for supporting our students!

Classroom Wish List

1. Boxes of Tissues
2. 24 Folders with prongs (any color)

Upcoming Events

March 9- Green Challenge Assembly 9:30 am

March 11- Early Release, Student Led Conferences

March 12- Early Release, Parent Conferences

March 13- No School Teacher In-service

March 18- Farm to Table

A Kid in Every Park

Please check out this website <http://www.nationalparks.org/ook/every-kid-in-a-park> . Students in fourth grade next year can get a pass to get into parks free. Check out the great outdoors with your child.

PARCC Update

The third graders will be taking the PARCC test with paper and pencil this school year. Testing will begin in next week. Most tests should be done by 10:00 AM.

Parent volunteers are not allowed in the room during the test. I believe students will do better on the test if they had enough sleep and ate a good breakfast.

Testing Dates and Times

March 10- 8:15 AM

March 16- 8:15 AM

March 17- 8:15 AM

Mud, Mud, Mud

Next week recess will be wet and muddy. Please have your child bring snow pants or rain pants for recess. Students will need to continue to wear boots during recess. Also, please make sure your child has an extra set of clothes at school.